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**Topic Maps:
 The Inventor's Perspective
 on Subject-Based Access**

Join Michel Biezunski and Steven R. Newcomb, the creators and pioneers of the Topic Maps Paradigm, which they developed in 1992. Newcomb will address the conceptual foundations of the paradigm concerned with creating and maintaining subject-based indexes that amalgamate other subject-based indexes. He will then answer the central question of the Topic Maps Reference Model: "How can a master index be made from indexes that were never intended to be merged with others?" Biezunski will then discuss the possibility of amalgamating knowledge resources (including finding tools) expressed in accordance with diverse interchange standards, by creating a new layer where semantic integration has a broader range of application. He will also review his experiences in applying the paradigm and its effects on the ongoing development, using the Internal Revenue Service application as a case study.

Biezunski and Newcomb serve as co-editors of the ISO 13250 Topic Maps standard. They also co-founded TopicMaps.Org, where they co-edited the XML syntax (the "XTM Specification") that was added to the 2002 version of the standard. They both now work for Coolheads Consulting, a consultancy specializing in semantic analysis, subject-based information integration, and the actual creation and maintenance of topic maps (and of systems for creating and maintaining topic maps) for clients in government, industry, and academia.

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Date Wednesday, October 15, 2003

Time 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Place Mary Pickford Theater, 3rd floor, Madison Building, The Library of Congress—101 Independence Avenue, S.E., Washington, D.C.

Metro Capitol South (Orange and Blue Lines)

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